

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 are canceled.

Claims 22-41 are presented for examination, and have been amended to address formalities rejections.

Rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 33, 34, 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is not known from the specification how pivotably joining pipe sections to each other can shorten the formed intermediate conduit or how rolling up the intermediate conduit can elongate the conduit.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that or shortening of the length of the intermediate conduit (50) occurs by e.g. folding and unfolding of the pivotably joined pipe pieces (56, 58), or by rolling up and unrolling the intermediate conduit.

Claims 24-26, 29-34 and 37-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The recitation in claim 24 that the distribution boom is "designed to also be the lift device" is vague and indefinite.

Claim 24 has been amended to clarify that the wherein the distribution boom (70) is adapted for loading and unloading the mobile distributor device (10), which is transported from work site to work site in the receptacle (82) on the platform (80).

The recitation in claims 25, 26, and 37 of "in the form" is vague and indefinite. In claims 29-32, "the vehicle chassis" lacks antecedent basis. In addition, claims 33, 34, 38 and 39 are rejected as being vague and indefinite for the reason explained in the above paragraph.

In response, Applicant has carefully reviewed and revised these claims for clarity.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

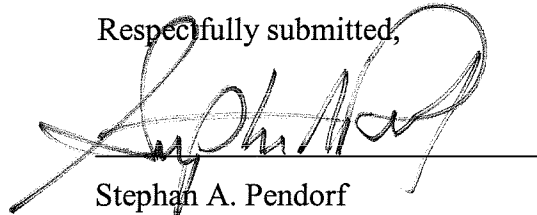
Claims 22, 23, 27, 28, 35, 36, 40 and 41 are allowed, and Claims 24-26, 29-34 and 37-39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Applicant appreciates the indication and submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. **Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.**

Respectfully submitted,

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